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QGC Regional Community Committee

Friday 27 August 2010

Chinchilla Customer Service Community Centre, 80-86 Heeney Street, Chinchilla

1. Opening

The third meeting of the QGC Regional Community Committee was called to order at 10.05am on Friday, 27 August 2010 at the Chinchilla Customer Service Centre, facilitated by Mr Jim Cavaye, Independent Facilitator.

2. Attendees

The following people attended the QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee meeting:

QGC Northern Gas Field Community Committee Members	QGC Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cr Carol Tillman (Western Downs Regional Council)• Carolee Murphy (Western Downs Regional Council)• Olive Hood proxy for Penny Hamilton (Condamine Alliance)• Kathie Fletcher proxy for Geoff Penton (Queensland Murray-Darling)• Bill Nicholas (AgForce)• Denis Sommerfeld (Southern Gas Field Community Committee)• Marion Loveday (Central Gas Field Community Committee)• Cecily Brockhurst (Northern Gas Field Community Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracey Lenz, Manager, Stakeholder Relations• Tony Heidrich, Social Performance Manager, Gas Fields• Andrew Smart, QGC Seismic Project Manager• Aderian Nixon, QGC Construction Manager• Meredith Connor, CSRSM Secondee
Apologies	Independent Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geoff Penton (Queensland Murray-Darling Committee)• Penny Hamilton (Condamine Alliance)• Desley Gobbert (Education Queensland)• Floyd Leedie (Goondir Health Services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Cavaye, Cavaye Community Development

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3. Meeting agenda

The following items of business were discussed as per the meeting agenda:

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a. Introductions and meeting overview	<p>Jim Cavaye led roundtable introductions of community committee members and QGC representatives.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye gave a broad overview of the meeting format.</p>
b. Safety moment	<p>Jim Cavaye invited Committee members to share a safety moment.</p> <p>A Committee member provided a safety moment from a QGC clip that involved a group of people who worked together to right an overturned truck only to have it roll away from them. The emphasis was on the importance of making sure a situation is safe before proceeding.</p>
c. Logistics	<p>Jim Cavaye reminded the Committee that:</p> <p>Terms of Reference Amendments to The Terms of Reference (ToRs) were discussed. The finalised ToRs were provided.</p> <p>CSRM Survey Jim Cavaye indicated that there had a low response rate to the CSRM questionnaire. Committee members advised they had found some aspects of the questionnaire difficult. Suggestions on how to improve the questionnaire were provided.</p> <p>Action: Feedback from the Committee meeting regarding the Social Monitoring questionnaire to be given to the CSRM (Meredith Connor).</p> <p>Action items from previous meeting Jim Cavaye led a discussion regarding action items from the last meeting. Key points were:</p> <p>Proposed QGC Field Trip: Tracey Lenz advised the committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QGC had scoped the tour route and were confirming QGC technical experts.• The Committee was advised the date for the field trip would either be October 6 or 7.• Tracey Lenz advised that senior management may be in attendance.

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	<p>Action: Community Committee to be advised via email of final date and transport details (Meredith Connor).</p> <p>Communications Strategy Tracey Lenz provided an update of QGC's Communication Strategy. Members were advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Committee brochures and 1800 number cards had been printed by QGC for distribution by Committee members through their community networks. The brochures and cards were provided to Committee members.• Media releases continue to be provided to local media• <i>QGC News</i> (quarterly newsletter) provide updates on Community Committees• Meeting minutes are publicly available on QGC's website• Meeting minutes are distributed to all Community Committees representatives• QGC Communications Team will be launching CSG information activities <p>Grievance Feedback Process Tracey Lenz provided an update of QGC's Grievance Feedback Process. Members were advised that:</p> <p>QGC's stakeholder feedback is comprised of 3 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General comment• Inquiries• Grievances <p>All feedback is recorded.</p> <p>Stakeholders received a response to grievance within 24 hours of lodgement. Community feedback can be lodged via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1800 number: 1800 030 443• community@qgc.com.au <p>Updated Meeting Schedule Jim Cavaye advised the Committee's request to re-send updated Community Committee meeting schedule to members had been done.</p>

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d. Adoption of Minutes	<p>Jim Cavaye asked the Committee to formally consider the July 15 minutes and asked for suggested changes.</p> <p>The July 15 Regional Community Committee minutes were adopted by the Committee.</p>
e. Community Feedback	<p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee members to share feedback from their networks. Issues raised by community members included:</p> <p>Seismic Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee indicated that landholders not directly affected with the seismic surveying were dissatisfied with the lack of communication advising them of surveying. Feedback indicated that landholders felt ‘as if they were being treated as if they didn’t own their land’. • Tony Heidrich advised where QGC conducted seismic surveying landholders had been informed, however, the broader community had not been advised. <p>Land Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee raised the issue of the new land access code waiting to be passed through Parliament. • Tracey Lenz advised that QGC’s land access policy would be updated to reflect legislative requirements. <p>Queensland Government Forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee gave positive feedback about the Queensland Government Community Information Forums currently being held in the Surat Basin. • The forums covered coal seam gas exploration and development including water management, groundwater (particularly inter-aquifer transfer, recharge) and land access. • The following link is for all the presentations from the forums: <p>http://www.industry.qld.gov.au/dsdweb/v4/apps/web/content.cfm?id=16150</p> <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee feedback indicated there is concern about the spread of weeds, soil rehabilitation, cumulative impacts, as well as public access to monitoring data. • A Committee member raised the issue that the laying of well pipelines would negatively impact the environment. Aderian Nixon advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The pipeline branch and trunk lines are

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	<p>strategically placed to minimise impacts to farming land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aderian Nixon advised that QGC used the same road for both wells and pipelines, and that road access is signed off with the landholder. • The Committee indicated that more information regarding QGC's procedures needs to be made publicly available. <p>Tracey Lenz commented that the views of the Community Committees are making their way back to QGC management and that the Committee's feedback is valued.</p> <p>Environmental Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Committee member reported that there is community uncertainty about the standard of reverse osmosis water entering the Chinchilla Weir. • Tracey Lenz confirmed that QGC had approached the Department of Resources and Management (DERM) for a change to QGC's Environmental Authority. The amendment is to include a Water Treatment Plant and a discharge permit for treated water into Wieambilla Creek on the petroleum tenures of PL228 and PL180 to service existing domestic supply operations. • Application forms and QGC's Environmental Assessment and Environmental Management Plan are available on QGC's website - http://www.qgc.com.au <p>Chinchilla News Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee noted that a recent survey conducted by the Chinchilla News seeking community feedback on gas companies. While the survey showed QGC was a good corporate citizen the Committee felt the survey did not reflect the views of the broader community. <p>The Committee suggested that this may have been due the low survey response rate and that the questions asked focussed more on patronising clubs and pubs rather than broader community issues including rent increases and a lack of resources.</p>
<p>f. QGC Overview</p>	<p>Aderian Nixon provided an overview of current QGC activities. Key points discussed were:</p> <p>Drilling Rigs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently 9 drilling rigs located locally. • As part of QGC's commitment to training and quality assurance drilling operators are given the opportunity to train on a test drill rig located at Windibri.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Committee member queried if QGC had conducted drilling without being aware if the land was owned or not. Tony Heidrich confirmed that this has not occurred. <p>Water Treatment Plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations for the reverse osmosis plant are being put in place at Windibri. • A Committee member asked how many QGC water treatment plants there were. Aderian Nixon advised that there are plans for two. <p>Gathering System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gathering system is being installed in the Kenya area to link 50 wells over the next three months.
<p>g. Seismic Surveying</p>	<p>Andy Smart, QGC Seismic Project Manager took the Committee through a Seismic Surveying presentation. Key points included:</p> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seismic surveying is a data capturing method which is a normal part of developing a gas field program • It is used to map rock strata to give an underground picture of where coal seams are located and involves putting sound-waves into the ground to get a picture of the sub-service • Data from the surveys assists QGC to accurately plan well locations and ensures land disturbance is minimized • Seismic surveying is a low-impact activity, which QGC does under state and local government approvals <p>The seismic surveying process involves:</p> <p>Determining Survey Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial survey route selection is completed using maps, satellite images and aerial photographs in the office before being checked in the field • QGC's Land Access team negotiates the route with landholders • QGC's land access team obtains the formal consent of landholders for access. This determines the most acceptable route • Route inspection involves Traditional Owners and an environmental scientist • A formal agreement with landholders is made from which compensation can be calculated • The survey route is marked out using wooden stakes for seismic lines and coloured flags for access routes

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	<p>Conducting the Seismic Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seismic surveying involves a seismic crew laying the line • Up to 10km of seismic cable is laid out at any one time • Clearing may be necessary if sections of the seismic line are inaccessible. A mulcher is used to cut vegetation that does not interfere with the root stock. This allows plants to regrow quickly and return to their original state. Utility vehicles are modified to lessen impact on vegetation • Geophones (sensors) are placed along the seismic line. They are connected to a line cable attached to the recording truck. • The vibroseis truck starts at the beginning of the line, vibrating the ground at points marked by wooden stakes. Two trucks constitute one group and each group will vibrate the ground either once or twice per vibration point. This is done for about eight to 12 seconds every 10 to 15 metres along straight lines. • Vibrations are rarely felt more than 20 metres from the truck. • The acoustic waves generated by the vibrations are reflected back and recorded by sensors attached to the cable connected to the recording truck. • The trucks cover about 10km a day and operations are restricted to daylight hours only. • As the ground equipment is continually cycled from the back of the seismic line to the front at the same speed, most landholders will have equipment on their properties for only three or four days. • Two portable weed washdown facilities will be available at all times. <p>After the Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment retrieval or pick up is carried out by a small number of people who load the cables, sensors and batteries into pick-up trucks for transport to the front of the line. • Restoration and rehabilitation of the area to its condition prior to the seismic survey occurs after the whole crew has passed over a section of line. • Crews check that all equipment and any accidentally discarded rubbish are removed. • All temporary gates are removed. Fences and any accidentally damaged property are repaired.
h. Land Access	<p>Jim Cavaye apologised that the land access representative had to cancel at the last minute due to an unavoidable issue.</p> <p>Jim Cavaye invited the Committee members to have a broad</p>

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	<p>discussion on land issues. The issues discussed included:</p> <p>Committee members indicated that consistency of communication across all stakeholders is required.</p> <p>The Committee requested further information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How land compensation is worked out?• How contractors are made aware of the smaller details of land access agreements such as gate closure, weed management?• What procedures are in place for monitoring pipeline erosion?• What the mitigation measures are for dust and noise?

4. General business

A Committee member queried the progress forward with the rural residential landholders. Tony Heidrich advised the Committee that QGC had recently met with a number of landholder groups and that QGC is currently considering a development plan in this area.

A Committee member commented that the seismic surveying presentation had been most informative.

Agenda items for the next meeting were sought. These were:

- CSR Social Monitoring Workshop

5. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed by Jim Cavaye at 1.00pm.

The next QGC Regional Community Committee meeting will be at 10.00am sharp on Thursday, 18 November 2010 at the Chinchilla Customer Community Centre, 80-86 Heeney Street, Chinchilla.

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6. Regional Community Committee Members

Representative	Organisation
Bill Nicholas	AgForce
Carollee Murphy	Western Downs Regional Council
Cr Carolyn Tillman	Western Downs Regional Council
Cecily Brockhurst	Northern Gas Field Representative
Denis Sommerfeld	Southern Gas Field Representative
Desley Gobbert	Department of Education and Training, DDSW Region
Floyd Leedie	Goondir Health Services
Geoff Penton	Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
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